IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 77 of the Application (the Abstract as follows. A scannable clean copy of this page as amended is attached hereto. The actual word count is now 129 words, well within the allowable limit of the requirements.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A card shuffling device includes a top surface, a card receiving area for receiving an initial set of playing cards, a randomizing or arranging system for the initial set of playing cards, a collection surface in a card collection area for receiving randomized playing cards, the collection surface receiving cards positioned so that all cards collected are below the top surface of the device, and an elevator for raising the collection surface so that at least some randomized cards are elevated above the top surface of the device. An automatic card shuffler includes a microprocessor with memory. An automated calibration system is provided that calibrates the precise position of the card supporting platform on [[in]] the elevator so that precise insertion of cards can be performed during card handling procedures. ~~A preferred method operates by a position of the elevator being randomly selected and the support surface is moved to the selected position, and after the gripping arm grasps at least one side of the cards, the elevator lowers, creating a space beneath the gripping arm, wherein a card is moved from the in-feed compartment into the space, thereby randomizing the cards.~~

In the specification, page 61, lines 1 -11, please make the following changes. A scannable paragraph is provided at the end of this Amendment in a scannable section Appendix.

Figure 10 shows a vertical cutaway view of the shuffler **900** with card reading camera **916** therein. The various elements are shown in a different view, such as the pick off rollers [[~~904 and 906~~]] <u>804 and 806 and the intermediate rollers **908**</u> within the initial card set receiving area **902**. Sensor **920** is shown in Figure 9 as a card set sensor **920** that indicates that there are still cards in the initial card set area **902**. Sensor **928** is

in a more favorable card sensing position to act as a trigger for the camera **916**. A set of sensors **922** and **926** operate as card position sensors to check for jamming, clearance, alignment, in-feed availability (into the elevator area **930**. The sensors **938** and **926** may also act to assure that a card to be fed into the elevator **930** is properly positioned and available to be inserted by insert rollers **912**.